Chief Piland has been in the fire service for over 34 years and was hired in 2013 as the Fire Chief in Frisco, one of the nation's fastest growing cities.

Prior to Frisco, Chief Piland was the Fire Chief for Volusia County Fire Services in Volusia County Florida, and a Division Chief, Operations Shift Commander, for the Virginia Beach Fire Department. He also served for 16 years on Virginia Task Force 2, a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team as a Task Force Leader, and East Coast Regional Task Force Leader Representative as well as an Incident Support Team Leader for the federal US&R system.

Chief Piland also served as a member of NFPA 1981 and 1982 Technical Committee for over 7 years. He holds a Masters in Public Health from Eastern Virginia Medical School, and Bachelors in Psychology from Old Dominion University, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.